(c) whether the following statement contained in the first number (page 11) of the Modern Weekly is true to facts. "This bridge had been condemned as unsafe earlier by the Overseer in-charge but no action had been taken on his report"?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Once a year.

(b) On 28th Medam 1105 by the Overseer and on 30th Medam 1105 by the Chief Engineer.

(c) The statement is not correct. After the Overseer had made his report, the Chief Engineer visited the place and caused caution boards to be put up indicating danger. As the river was in flood no further action could be taken then.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—May I know what temporary arrangement has been made for vehicular traffic across the river?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A temporary pier has been constructed in the place of the one which collapsed. Traffic will be possible within some more days.

Fall in the price of copra and coir.

98. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. if they are aware of the distress prevailing at present in coastal villages of the Cochin Kanayannur Taluk particularly the villages that comprise the Narakkal Constituency owing to the fall in the price of copra and coir;

2. how the present condition of unemployment and suffering compares with that of the year 1914 soon after the declaration of War?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—1. Though there is a fall in the price of copra and coir, the general public, it is reported, is not put to much distress as the price of paddy, rice and other necessaries has also simultaneously gone down.

2. There is not much of unemployment now except among the educated classes. Conditions in the sea-board villages compare very favourably with the state of things in 1914 when there was a fall in the price of articles to be exported and rise in the price of the articles imported. It was also well nigh impossible to procure the necessaries of life then.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—May I know after the discussion which was held in this House yesterday, the Government is of the same opinion to-day?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. So far as the information of the Government goes they think that the answer to (2) is still correct.

Bridge near Mathilakam.

99. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—(a)മലബാർ ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് ബോർഡുമായി സഹകരിച്ച് മതിലകത്തിന്നടുത്തു് കരു പാലം ഉണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ ഗവ ർമ്മെന്റു തീരുമാനിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

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